

AMENDMENTS TO THE SPECIFICATION

Please replace paragraph [17] of the specification with the following amended paragraph:

--Fig. 1 illustrates a preferred embodiment of the bathing apparatus 1. The bathing apparatus 1 includes an appropriately sized flexible sheet 2 upon which an infant or other person will be sat for bathing. The flexible sheet 2 is preferably constructed of terry cloth or a similar non-slip and machine washable material. Non-slip is defined for the purposes of this disclosure as a material which has surface characteristics which render a wet infant placed upon the non-slip material less likely to slide than if placed on an unprotected porcelain bathing vessel surface. The flexible sheet 2 is secured for use to the bottom of a sink, bathtub or other vessel by an attachment structure means 3. In Fig. 1 the attachment structuremeans 3 is depicted as several suction cups, but other types of attachment structuremeans such plastic coated magnets, adhesive pads, padded weights, Velcro™ or clips could be utilized as well. The attachment structuremeans 3 is affixed to the flexible sheet 2 by means of a removable attachment deviceconnecting means which can be a strap 4. The strap 4 is looped through a channel 5 in the attachment structuremeans 3 and further looped through a pair of slots 6 in the flexible sheet 2. The strap 4 is connected into a securing loop. The strap can be simply tied to form a loop, or the loop can be formed by means of closures 7. In Fig. 1 the closures 7 are depicted as snaps, however, other closures such as hook and loop fasteners, buttons, Velcro™ or clips could be used to secure the strap 4 in a loop configuration.—

Please replace paragraph [19] of the specification with the following amended paragraph:

--Fig. 2 depicts the bathing apparatus 1 as described above in use in a typical kitchen sink. As shown in Fig. 2, the flexible sheet 2 of the bathing apparatus 1 is sized appropriately and attached such that the flexible sheet 2 is substantially in contact with a surface of the bathing vessel, typically the bottom surface. The attachment structure

means 3, which is depicted as a suction cup, facilitates the efficient placement and removal of the bathing apparatus 1 when necessary as the bathing vessel is used for purposes other than bathing an infant. Although not depicted in Fig. 2, the bathing apparatus 1 can alternatively be attached to a countertop or a floor to provide a safe no slip surface for drying an infant or child after her bath.—

Please replace paragraph [20] of the specification with the following amended paragraph:

--Periodically, when washing of the bathing apparatus 1 is necessary, the attachment ~~structures~~means 3 can be removed from the flexible sheet 2 by untying the loop of strap 4 or disconnecting the closures 7 and removing the strap 4 from the slots 6. After removal of the attachment ~~structures~~means 3, the flexible sheet 2 can be hand laundered or washed in a typical household washing machine.--